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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to Applicants with the next Office communication to indicate that the references have been considered, per MPEP § 609.

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The references were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information.

A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language reference appears in the Appendix attached hereto.

An English-language Abstract of the non-English language reference is attached hereto.

Respectfully Submitted,

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## APPENDIX

### Concise Explanation

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According to the International Searching Authority, the nails used for securing boards for the construction of pallets "conform to the German standard DIN 68 163, with a head diameter of 9 – 9.6 mm D1, (col. 1, line 58) and a shaft diameter of 4.2 mm (col. 1, line 48) ... . The length of the nails can vary according to requirements (Col. 1, line 40: z.B. 88 – 90 mm)."

